

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, April 27, 2006
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes, March 23, 2006**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: The visit from Milpitas to Huizhou, China was scheduled for this month but was canceled due to low participation. The memorandum of understanding creating the sister city relationship with Huizhou City expires on April 28, 2006. The MOU states that both cities will review the progress of the relationship and make recommendations on whether the relationship should continue.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Chair/Lead Commissioner Grilli.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: A visit from Dagupan students is scheduled for May 2006. Milpitas will visit Dagupan in February 2007. Staff will provide a budget estimate at the meeting. Discussion points on the May visit include budget, status of host family recruitment, schedule and gifts.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from co-leads Grilli and Mateo and discuss next steps.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: Milpitas will visit Tsukuba June 19 through 28, 2006. Tsukuba students will visit in August 2006 and adults will visit in October 2006. This is the ten year anniversary of the Milpitas/Tsukuba sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arthur.

4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a European sister city.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

5. OPEN GOVERNMENT ANNUAL TRAINING

Background: Under Milpitas Municipal Code Section I-310-4.40, annual training concerning the City's Open Government Ordinance shall be provided by the City Attorney's Office. Attendance at the Open Government Ordinance Training Sessions is required of all City Councilmembers, Boardmembers and Commissioners serving the City. To streamline and make cost effective the training delivery process, the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk and the Information Services Department developed a 19 minute Open Government Ordinance training video.

Recommendation: View Open Government Training video.

IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - ii. Huizhou City, China
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. European Sister City Research
3. 2006 Work Plan – as needed
4. Website Review – as needed

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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